

**Department of Workforce Services
Office of Child Care Advisory Committee
Minutes for Wednesday March 16, 2016**

Committee Attendees:

Simon Bolivar	Debbie Tilley	Julia Mohr
Rhonda Dosset	Katie Ricord	Ryan McMahon
Debbie Elmer	Sue Okroy	Jill Chesley-McGinnis
Jodi Hansen	Kelly Riding	Tess Davis
Ilse Wilson		

Guests:

Crystal Knippers	Leah Schilling	Chris Ellis
Kathleen Sanders	Emily Holdaway	Jessica Strout
Devin Parcell	Bobbie Crabtree	Sarah Pickard
Genevieve Romero	Pat Moreno	Sara Hansen
Donna Thomas	Austin Roy	Kathleen Sanders
Russell Frandsen		

Welcome

Introductions were made around the room

Motion to approve minutes from January

Motion- Jody Hansen

Second- Katie Ricord

Approved

Changes to Care About Childcare Website

Karrie Phillips stated that, to meet the requirement of the CCDF Reauthorization that parents and the general public have transparent information about the child care choices available to them, exempt facilities will be added to the CAC database.

Motion to proceed with the changes to the Care about Child Care website as proposed and explained by Karrie.

Motion- Julia Mohr

Second- Sue Okroy

Passed

Agency Reports

Licensing

Simon Bolivar stated that the rule changes will be in effect March 26, 2016. The FBI background checks will be changing to the Next Generation/Wrap Back. The FBI will now keep the fingerprint of the person until they are 110 years old, 7 years after they die, or when they leave child care employment for 6 months.

USOE

Sue Okroy stated that Senate Bill 101 (HQSR) passed and TANF funds can be used.

OCC Directors Report

Tracy Gruber stated that two and a half million dollars were awarded to High Quality School Readiness. We will try to release grant money first before the scholarships. The State plan was submitted on March 11th and will be available on our website. There were three associations who turned in grants for the money in the trust fund.

OCC Assistant Director Reports

Kathy Link stated that the High Quality School Readiness grants are out and the deadline is April 1st. Grants will be awarded by July 1st.

OCC Program Reports

Subsidy

Ann Stockham stated that the co-payments will be waived for parents under the 100 % poverty level. All the Reauthorization changes will be implemented by October of this year.

Early Childhood Quality

JoEllen Robbins stated that they will be closing out the current year of Baby Steps and getting ready for orientation for the new programs. There will be a mandatory in-person or on-line training depending on where they are located. When a center enrolls in Baby Steps, they will have support in IT and Toddler rooms simultaneously. Next Steps will be no longer. Quality Improvement grants are now on line and are for very specific groups.

Afterschool Quality

Tricia Davis stated that a new Teen Afterschool grant will be released sometime in May. Grant orientations are coming up please watch for emails.

Head Start State Collaboration Office

Kellie Kohler stated a new pot of money for Head Start will be released in June. The current five year goals will be up this year and will have to start new goals.

Professional Development

The Professional Development Sub-Committee finalized the new training approval process. From now on when training is submitted for approval, the Professional Development Coordinator will apply the rubric created by the sub-committee. The Professional Development Coordinator or Program Specialist will make the final determination to approve or reject the training.

The sub-committee has accepted a list of approved accreditation bodies that will be recognized on the Care About Childcare website and has created a rubric for accepting or rejecting other bodies in the future.

A list of activities was created that will be accepted for Professional Activities for Career Ladder credit. A discussion was held about whether to quantify the activities in units or clock hours. This is yet to be determined. Caregivers will be notified of this change in April, a final draft reviewed by the sub-committee in May, and the program will be open to caregivers in July with the start of the new fiscal year.